

REMARKS

Claims 36-47 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claim 36 has been amended as shown on pp. 2 of the Reply. While it is believed that the claims as previously presented are allowable, claims 48-53 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite allowance of the subject application.

These amendments are believed to bring the claims into condition for allowance, thereby rendering prior rejections and objections moot as to the currently presented claims. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments herein.

I. Rejection of Claim 36 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Withdrawal of the rejection to claim 36 is respectfully requested in view of the herein amendment to this claim.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 48-53 have been cancelled per the Examiner's statement in the Advisory Action that the application would be allowable if said claims were cancelled.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063[MSFTP1928USB].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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